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## Monsoon Report (6)

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### Report Highlights:

A late revival of the monsoon activity in some of the worst drought affected regions has helped to contain further yield losses in *kharif* (fall and early winter harvested) crops such as rice and improve planting prospects for *rabi* (winter) season crops (wheat, rapeseed and pulses). However, it is unclear whether these rains would encourage significant additional planting of rice in the *kharif* season as the normal window of opportunity for planting of rice is over in most states.

### General Information:

During the week ending September 9, several drought affected states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and West Bengal received unusually heavy rains, alleviating the drought situation to some extent. Some parts of these states are now experiencing floods. Rainfall during the week ending September 9 was 21 percent above normal with 18 of the 36 weather subdivisions, mostly in north, central and south India, receiving above normal rainfall. During the previous week also monsoon was 4 percent above normal with several western and south east

states receiving excellent rains (Figure 1). However, area weighted cumulative rainfall from June 1 to September 9 was still 20 percent below normal, only a marginal improvement over the previous weeks. Rainfall deficiency in most north, central and eastern states continue to remain high ranging from 43 percent in West Uttar Pradesh to 21 percent in Bihar.

**Figure 1: Spatial and temporal distribution of 2009 monsoon rains**

Telangana																		
Raylaseema																		
Tamil Nadu																		
Coastal Karnataka																		
North Interior Karnataka																		
South Interior Karnataka																		
Kerala																		
Lakshadweep																		
Percent deviation from normal	-35	-37	-51	-68	-29	-8	+6	+15	-18	-64	-56	-2	-5	+4	+21			
Excess (>20%)																		
Deficient (-20% to -59%)																		
Normal (+19% to -19%)																		
Scanty (-60% to -100%)																		